

Midway Candidates

Rick Tatton

MIDWAY — Richard C. "Rick" Tatton is seeking a position on the Midway City Council.

Tatton said he enjoys working with others and feels his past employment, civic, and church activities have prepared him for service as a city councilman.

"If elected, I would work toward continuous improvement of local roads and adequate preparation for Midway's future needs in the areas of fire and police protection as well as water and sewer services. I support controlled growth for the city and I am very interested in efforts to preserve Midway's charm and quaintness."

Tatton is a life long resident of Midway and is a descendant of Swiss settlers in the area. He serves as an active member of the Midway Board of Adjustment and Midway Booster's board of directors. He is currently employed as a court reporter to Judge David Sam.

He and his wife, Connie, are the parents of three children.

Grant Patch

MIDWAY — Growth is presently the chief concern in Midway right now, according to Grant Patch who is seeking a seat on the city council.

"The biggest challenge I think to Midway is the potential for rapid growth here because of our proximity to Wasatch State Park and the ski resorts. It becomes the natural center of attention as a desirable place to live. I think some of these developers who are going to target in on this area need to be encouraged but their projects should be self-supporting and not draining on community resources. Expansion is inevitable but it must be well planned and compatible with our unique area."

Patch said he has the same feelings as any other resident of Midway about the rural mountain community.

"We have a nice little community here that has attractive features about it, beautiful scenery and excellent facilities. Anyone who lives here feels like they'd like to perpetuate the life we have here." Doing that is one of his campaign goals, he said.

Patch has been a resident of the town for nine years. He has been a trustee on the Midway Sanitation District for three years.

He and his wife, Marna, have seven children and 14 grandchildren. He has operated the WASCO Credit Union in Heber City for the past five years.



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Leo Luke

MIDWAY — Leo Luke would like to preserve the things that make Midway the town it is.

"If elected to Midway City Council, I would like to see Midway keep its rural atmosphere through its growth and development. I feel I could be helpful in a council position using the knowledge and experience I have gained during the years I have worked for the city of Midway," he said.

He is vying for one of two council seats up for election this fall.

Luke said he enters the political field with a good understanding and background in city government, having worked for the city of Midway over a period of 30 years as town marshal, water supervisor, road superintendent and cemetery sexton.

Serving under four different mayors, Luke saw the city grow from a small town to a third class city in 1980. He was honored by the Booster's Club as "Midway's Man of the Year" in 1962. He was honored again in 1979 with the "Home Town Service Award" presented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Born and raised in Midway, Luke is married to the former Stella Hair. They are the parents of three married daughters and have 12 grandchildren.

In addition to working for Midway City, Luke worked as a farmer and miner.



Leo Luke

Reed Bezzant

MIDWAY — "Safety of our children is important," according to Reed Bezzant, mayor candidate in Midway.

He said he supports the Irrigation Company in their study of a pressure irrigation system in Midway. "This would alleviate our open ditch system within our city and reduce the safety hazard to our young children."

Bezzant said he isn't inclined to make big campaign promises but said "goals and budget priorities should be in order."

Presently serving his second term as a city councilman in the Wasatch County community of Midway, Bezzant said he knows the political process of city government and its operation. In the past eight years he has served on the planning commission, has been supervisor of roads and sidewalks and carried out various council assignments.

"Every citizen in Midway is important and their input is vital to making Midway a better place to live," he said. If he is elected mayor, citizen input will be considered and "the issues will go before the people before they are acted on."



Reed Bezzant

Bezzant is a 35-year employee of U.S. Steel Geneva Works and is a senior chemist in the quality assurance department. He and his wife Bonnie have lived in Midway for 35 years and raised their family there.

"We think Midway is just about the best place in the world to live," he added.

Eugene Probst

MIDWAY — Mayor Eugene Probst said he has worked hard to get Midway a new city office building that will soon be under construction and other improvements without increasing city property taxes.

He said he would like to continue in his work with city and is seeking re-election to the mayor's post.

Probst said he has been successful in getting a fire station established which is manned by local firemen, besides having a new water storage tank for the town water system added.

During his past four years as mayor, he has served on the executive committee of the Mountainland Association of Governments. The Mountainland organization includes Wasatch, Summit and Utah Counties. Through Mountainland, he was chosen to serve on the governor's advisory council for three years.

He is presently the chairman of the Midway Sanitation District, vice chairman of the Heber Valley Special Service District and also on the Board of Directors for Heber Light and Power.

"I pledge my full and continual support to the community and will give my support to these and any other important assignments that come my way."

Probst is a lifetime resident of Midway. He is a masonry contractor and operated a farm. He is married to the former Darlene Turnbow and they have eight children and 20 grandchildren.

Probst was a scoutmaster for 10 years and has been serving as a Little League Baseball coach for 25 years.



Eugene L. Probst

Bill Mair

MIDWAY — Councilman Bill Mair would like to see Midway continue to be the best place to live.

Mair is seeking to retain a seat on the city council.

He has lived in Midway for the last 27 years. He has been a mechanic and businessman in the area since that time.

He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He has served as past president of the Midway Booster Club, past president of the Midway Lions Club and has been involved in various civic projects.



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